

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 - 18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein:

Please add the following new claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

19. (New) A locking device with a housing and a rotor, the locking device comprising a coupling element and an electronically controlled drive connected to the housing, the drive comprising an advance element, the drive being operable to move the coupling element by way of moving the advance element, and to thereby bring the locking device into a first and into a second coupling condition, the locking device further comprising a drive-off element for actuating a locking bar, wherein in the first coupling condition, the coupling element is positioned such that the rotor is not coupled to the drive-off element, wherein in the second coupling condition, the coupling element is positioned such that it couples the drive-off element to the rotor, and wherein the coupling element is decouplable from the drive in a manner that in the second coupling condition it is movable away from the advance element by way of a rotational movement of the rotor.

20. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein the coupling element has an at least partly spherical surface.

21. (New) The locking device according to claim 20, wherein the coupling element is ball shaped.

22. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein the coupling element is neither fixedly coupled to the housing nor fixedly coupled to the rotor.
23. (New) The locking device according to claim 22, wherein the coupling element in its second coupling position given a rotational movement of the rotor is rotated in an opening which is formed by recesses in the rotor and in the drive-off element.
24. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein the coupling element and the advance element are couplable to each other by a ferromagnetic interaction.
25. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein the drive comprises a rotational drive and a travel spindle.
26. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein the first coupling condition corresponds to a first coupling position of the coupling element with respect to the rotor, and wherein the second coupling condition corresponds to a second coupling position of the coupling element with respect to the rotor, and wherein the drive comprises a spring excerpting, if the coupling element is located between the first coupling position and the second coupling position, a spring force on the coupling element, such that the coupling element may be moved against the spring force in the direction of the first coupling position by way of mechanical action.
27. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein in the first coupling condition the drive-off element is blocked with respect to the housing and in the second coupling condition the drive-off element is not coupled to the housing.
28. (New) The locking device according to claim 27, wherein in the first coupling position the coupling element blocks the drive-off element with respect to the housing.
29. (New) The locking device according to claim 27, wherein in the first coupling position a blocking element blocks the drive-off element with respect to the housing, wherein the blocking element and the coupling element are arranged such that a movement of the blocking element on transition between the first and the second

condition causes a movement of the coupling element.

30. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, for use in a lock cylinder being free of purely mechanically actuatable tumblers.

31. (New) The locking device according to claim 19 for use in a lock cylinder, further comprising mechanical tumblers for engaging into recesses of a key.

32. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, for use in a lock cylinder, further comprising a key-blocking element which by way of introduction of a key into a key opening may be moved from a first position into a second position, the key-blocking element permitting in the second position a withdrawal of the key only at certain defined alignments of the rotor.

33. (New) The locking device according to claim 32, wherein the key-blocking element in its first position it blocks the rotor against rotation.

34. (New) The locking device according to claim 19 for use with a door handle or door knob wherein the rotor may be coupled to an outer door handle or door knob, wherein the drive-off element is couplable to an inner door handle or door knob and that the coupling element in a first coupling condition is arranged such that the drive-off element is not blocked.

35. (New) The locking device according to claim 34, wherein a channel is formed in a region of the housing which guides the drive-off element, in which channel the coupling element is movable by way of a rotation of the drive-off element when it is located in the first coupling condition.

36. (New) The locking device according claim 19, comprising an intermediate element with an at least partly spherical surface, which is arranged between the advance element of the drive and the coupling element.

37. (New) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein the coupling element comprises an insert of a ferromagnetic material.